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Dodd Investigators Decide to Call Klein

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WASHINGTON, June 21—

The Senate Ethics Committee decided today that its investigation of changes of official misconduct by Senator Thomas J. Dodd on behalf of Julius Klein will require the testimony of Mr. Klein, after all.

Open hearings in the committee's inquiry into Senator Dodd's relationship with Mr. Klein are to begin tomorrow, after two days of preliminary closed sessions. But the committee's delayed decision to call Mr. Klein, who is in Germany until mid-July, apparently will mean that his appearance will come as something of an epilogue, long after other witnesses have testified.

Until today, there had been every official and unofficial indication that Mr. Klein, a key figure in the first phase of the committee's investigation of Senator Dodd, Democrat of Connecticut, would not be summoned for testimony.

He has repeatedly volunteered to appear before the committee and has publicly insisted on presenting testimony. But committee sources said as recently as yesterday that his testimony would not be required.

Talkative Witness

A friend of many Senators and a talkative witness in previous appearances before Congressional committees, Mr. Mr. Klein had been expected to provide a colorful highlight of the open hearings.

Mr. Klein is a Chicago public relations executive and a registered foreign agent for West German interests for whose private gain Mr. Dodd has been charged with improperly using his influence as a Senator.

The Dodd-Klein allegations and a series of other charges that led to the unusual Ethics Committee investigation originally were published by Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson, the syndicated Washington columnists. They have said they based their charges against Mr. Dodd on documents taken from his office by former staff aides of the Senator.

The committee's unanimous decision today to summon Mr. Klein was the second procedural "clarification" announced



Marjorie A. Carpenter, former personal secretary of Senator Thomas J. Dodd, going to hearing yesterday.



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James P. Boyd Jr., Senator's administrative assistant from 1958 until last year, before he testified.

since yesterday by Senator John Stennis, Democrat of Mississippi and chairman of the six-man ethics group, formally the Select Committee on Standards and Conduct.

Senator Stennis interrupted a long afternoon executive session at 4:30 P.M. to read before television newsreel cameras outside the hearing room a state-

ment announcing that "the testimony of Julius Klein definitely will be taken before the testimony on the Klein affair will be closed." The chairman said the committee had reached this decision at a conference this afternoon.

Mr. Klein reportedly told the committee weeks ago that he would be in Europe from June 2 through about July 12 or 13. According to Mr. Klein's associates, committee spokesmen assured him that he was free to leave the country on business and that his absence would not inconvenience the committee. Mr. Klein, who avoids air travel when he can, is booked to return to this country on the S.S. United States, sailing July 7.

"We understand that Mr. Klein is now in Europe," Senator Stennis said in his statement to newsmen, "and that he customarily travels by ship." That would make his testimony come, he explained, at some time after all other witnesses have appeared. The open sessions starting tomorrow are expected to be concluded in several days,

perhaps by Friday.

'Judicial Atmosphere'

Senator Stennis has attempted to maintain what he calls a "judicial atmosphere" for the hearings — a policy that the committee has extended, for example, to exclude radio and television or even press photography coverage inside the hearing room when the open sessions begin.

Today, however, he made several excursions to the floodlit corridor of the new Senate Office Building to emphasize before cameras and microphones the vigor of the Dodd investigation.

"Furthermore," he said in one statement, "many other phases of the additional charges [against Mr. Dodd] have been

under development by the committee as early as February, March, April and May. Much of the testimony regarding these charges is in the process now of final preparation."

The additional charges include the columnists' contention that Senator Dodd accepted favors from businessmen with Government contracts and appropriated campaign contributions to his personal use.

The chairman emphasized today that his statement yesterday describing the photocopies of documents taken from Senator Dodd's office as "stigmatized" and inadmissible as evidence did not mean that the copies—the most crucial ingredient in the Dodd investigation—had been "discarded or abandoned." Senator Stennis said any such implication would be "entirely erroneous."

He explained that wherever originals of the documents could be found and were available from Senator Dodd's files the originals would be used as evidence. But the copies could be used as an "alternate course," he said.

James P. Boyd Jr., Senator Dodd's administrative assistant from 1958 until last year, has acknowledged several times, including in an appearance before the committee that ended this morning, that he and three other former employees of Mr. Dodd had removed about 4,000 letters and other documents from the Senator's office here during 1965.